

To book a presentation & report fraud
call our CA-SMP at
855-613-7080 (in CA)
877-808-2468 (outside of CA)

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Visit us online at
cahealthadvocates.org/fraud-abuse

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Preventing Medicare Fraud

SMP SCAM WATCH **Cardiac Genetic Testing**

Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries cardiac genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for fraudulent billing purposes or possibly medical identity theft.

- Only give your Medicare number to trusted providers
- Do not accept a genetic test kit from cold call or robo-call

REPORT THIS SCAM TO THE SMP AT 1-855-613-7080

Cardiac Marker - Test

ASAT (s)
ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE
CPK
LDH
ELECTROLYTE
SODIUM
POTASSIUM
CHLORIDE

HOSPICE FRAUD ALERT!

Have you suddenly lost access to your doctor?

Are your specialists refusing to see you?

Can't get your medications at the pharmacy?

BEWARE!

You may have been tricked into signing up for a program that is medically unnecessary for you. Hospice is a benefit, covered by Medicare and it is meant for Medicare beneficiaries with a terminal illness.

Some hospice agencies may approach you outside of supermarkets or may show up to your home unannounced and recruit non-terminally ill Medicare beneficiaries by offering you free items or services and calling themselves a "program that helps seniors."

If you or someone you know signed up for free services but now face issues accessing medical care, please contact the Senior Medicare Patrol immediately at: **855-613-7080**

California **SMP** Senior Medicare Patrol

For additional information on healthcare fraud, visit cahealthadvocates.org

How you can Prevent Fraud

- Guard your card as you would a credit card.
- Use your Personal Healthcare Journal to record the details of your healthcare.
- Check your Medicare statement for accuracy. Do you recognize the name of the provider? Did you receive services on that day? Does this claim reflect the services you received? (Important: Make sure the name, address and Medicare number on the Statement are correct).
- Set up an account online for 24/7 access to Medicare Summary Notices at www.Medicare.gov.

Be Alert to Fraud Tactics

- NEVER give your Medicare number (or Medicare card) to anyone other than your doctor or Medicare provider.
- If someone offers you free medical services, screening, testing or equipment in exchange for your Medicare number, don't accept the offer.
- People who claim they "know how to bill Medicare" to get an uncovered item or service paid, are practicing fraud. Report them immediately. Call SMP for help.

HOW TO PREVENT AND REPORT FRAUD OR ABUSE

- Document all the healthcare you receive.
- Save all of your Medicare and Health Care paperwork.
- Check each statement for accuracy. Make sure the name and Medicare number are correct.
- Compare your paperwork with the care you received.
- Organize all your paperwork.

CONTACT the California Senior Medicare Patrol when you have questions or suspect fraud and/or abuse:

1-855-613-7080
www.cahealthadvocates.org/fraud
Or for further assistance with Medicare, call HICAP at 1-800-434-0222

Medicare Fraud Alert Beware of Scams

- Do not respond to offers for free medical equipment or services.
- Check your medical statements routinely for services not provided.
- Call us for a FREE fraud prevention presentation or for guidance if you suspect you may be the victim of fraud.
- Share your Medicare number only with your trusted providers.
- Report Medicare Fraud to California Senior Medicare Patrol **855-613-7080**

California **SMP** Senior Medicare Patrol Empowering Seniors. To Prevent Healthcare Fraud

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Guard Your Card Report Medicare Fraud 855-613-7080

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Reminder! Return for a second dose!
[Recordatorio! ¡Regrese para la segunda dosis!]

Vacunado	Date / Fecha
COVID-19 vaccine Vacuna contra el COVID-19	mm dd yy
Other Otra	mm dd yy

Bring this vaccination record to every vaccination or medical visit. Check with your health care provider to make sure you are not missing any doses of routinely recommended vaccines.

Para obtener más información sobre el COVID-19 y la vacuna contra el COVID-19, visite www.cdc.gov/covid19 o llame al 855-613-7080.

You can report possible adverse reactions following COVID-19 vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at www.vaers.hhs.gov.

Puede notificar las posibles reacciones adversas después de la vacunación contra el COVID-19 al Sistema de Notificación de Reacciones Adversas a las Vacunas (NARS) en www.vaers.hhs.gov.